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1. PRESIDENT AHIDJO RECEIVED ME AUGUST 6, TWO DAYS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM STATE VISIT TO PARIS. I TOLD HIM THAT I WANTED TO DISCUSS INTER ALIA TWO MATTERS LIKELY TO COME UP AT THE COLOMBO NONALIGNED SUMMIT, GURC POSITION ON WHICH US REGARDED AS IMPORTANT FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. FIRST WAS PUERTO RICO, WHICH GOVERNOR SCRANTON AND I HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM, AND I WITH FONMIN ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. AHIDJO INDICATED HIS FAMILIARITY WITH ISSUE.

2. I THEN WENT ON TO KOREAN ISSUE, ON WHICH I SAID I WAS SPEAKING BOTH FOR USG AND MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP REPRESENTED IN YAOUNDE, I.E., CANADA, UK, FRG, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, AND ROK. WE
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ARE ALL AGREED IN HOPES THAT HIS DELEGATION AT COLOMBO WOULD

EXERT ITSELF ON BEHALF OF MODERATION, AGAINST THE LIKELIHOOD OF FRUITLESS CONFRONTATION AT UNGA LATER IN YEAR, FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ON PENINSULA AND EVENTUAL REUNIFICATION. HE AGAIN INDICATED HIS FAMILIARITY WITH PROBLEM AND REMEMBERED THAT KOREA HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN UP BY GOVERNOR SCRANTON ON JUNE 28.

3. AS IS HIS WONT, AHIDJO LISTENED TO REMAINDER OF MY PRESENTATION (REPORTED SEPTTEL) BEFORE REPLYING. HE STARTED OFF BY SAYING RATHER DISMISSIVELY THAT HE WAS NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND COLOMBO SUMMIT. HE HAD DISCUSSED RELEVANT ISSUES WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD IN PARIS DURING STATE VISIT. HE SAW NO PROBLEMS ABOUT PUERTO RICO, BUT KOREA WAS MORE COMPLICATED. "ONE WILL SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN. I HAVE ALREADY GIVEN MY INSTRUCTIONS." I INTERRUPTED TO MAKE SURE I HAD HEARD HIM CORRECTLY. "YES, I HAVE INSTRUCTED (FONMIN) KEUTCHA. BUT WE WILL CONSULT AT COLOMBO WITH OTHER MODERATES, AND WE WILL SEE."

4. I REPORTED GIST OF CONVERSATION TO SOUTH KOREAN AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS AND FRG AND UK CHARGES AT RESIDENCE FILM SHOWING LATER SAME EVENING AND WILL INFORM DUTCH AND BELGIAN CHARGES NEXT WEEK. ROK AMBASSADOR YOON, AS USUAL, PLACED BEST POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION ON AHIDJO'S RESPONSE AND IS DOUBLY HOPEFUL BECAUSE SPECIAL ROK PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY (AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE) IS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY AHIDJO ON AUGUST 9 OR 10. ON OTHER HAND, FRG CHARGE VON MOLTKE, WHO HAS MEANWHILE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN TO SUPPORT CORE GROUP BUT NOT REPEAT NOT TO MAKE SEPARATE DEMARCHE, INFERRED THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RESPONSES TO PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN ISSUES MEANS INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT FAVORABLE TO US. SPIRO

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